

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, by overwhelming margins, Americans say they do not trust the national media and that the media are too liberal, according to a new Gallup poll. Gallup found that just 1 in 10 Americans have a "great deal of confidence in the media to report the news fully, accurately, and fairly."

By a margin of 3-1, Americans said the media are too liberal rather than too conservative. Even most Democrats describe the media as "too liberal" rather than "too conservative."

This is the third poll released in the last month that has found Americans don't trust the media. The national media should recognize Americans' distrust and report the facts, not tell them what to think.

WHAT HAPPENED TO AUGUST?

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, what happened to August? August seems to have been lost in the Democratic Caucus; August seems to have been lost with the Democratic leadership; August seems to have been wiped out at the White House.

If you listen to the discussions that are taking place now about the health care bill that may be presented to us, there's something left out: it's the voice of the people that we heard in August. They told us loudly and clearly they did not want a public option. They told us loudly and clearly they didn't want a Democratic plan; they didn't want a Republican plan. No, Madam Speaker, they want an American plan—one that we can all rally around, one that takes into consideration what they told us in August, what they told us in September, and what they're telling us in October.

This is the U.S. House of Representatives. Let us represent the people of America.

HONORING STAFF SGT. ERIC COWIN FOR HIS SERVICE

(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude for Pastor Dr. Robin Cowin and the congregation at First Baptist Church in Gentry, Arkansas, for the wonderful work they are doing spreading the good news of the Gospel. This past Sunday, I had the pleasure of attending a service at the church and honor the sacrifice, service, and celebration of the homecoming of Staff Sergeant Eric Cowin.

Serving in the Army for the last 6 years, Eric was on his second tour in Iraq when he was injured in an IED explosion in Baghdad in June. Now he is undergoing rehabilitation at Brooke

Army Medical Center in San Antonio, and is in good spirits and on the road to recovery.

Eric is representative of so many American soldiers who have served this country honorably, stepping up to protect its citizens and people all around the world. I am grateful for the sacrifices Eric and all of our troops are making every day and for the hardships that they, as well as their families, face.

I wish Eric and his wife, Andrea, the best of luck in the future. Eric, you're a true American hero. I ask my colleagues to keep Eric in their hearts and minds as he goes through rehabilitation and all of our American troops in their thoughts and prayers.

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"WHITE COAT" MONDAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE

(Mr. GINGREY of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, residents in our Nation's Capital have been in for a real treat over this past week. First was free T-Shirt Day at Nationals Stadium. But it got even better because yesterday, apparently, was Free White Coat Day at the White House.

Look at this photo. The administration is actually giving out the white coats.

Madam Speaker, the free white coats were for President Obama's publicity stunt with a handful of medical professionals, where he touted doctor support of his health care plan.

As a practicing physician for over 30 years, I can assure the President that the majority of physicians in this country are for health care reform, just not the government-run reform that he prefers. I wish he had taken the time to talk to the thousands of physicians who have traveled to Washington, or the millions of patients who attended town hall meetings in August to share their concerns about government-run health care, or even the 12 Republican physicians in this House who have contacted him about a meeting to share their concerns.

Madam Speaker, if these voices are not enough to get his attention, maybe my white coat will.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

Mr. POLIS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 707) expressing support for designation of the week of September 13, 2009, as Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 707

Whereas the literacy of its citizens is essential for the economic well-being of the United States, our society, and the individuals who can benefit from full participation therein;

Whereas literacy and education skills are a prerequisite to individuals reaping the full benefit of opportunities in the United States;

Whereas the economy and our position in the world marketplace depend on having a literate, skilled population;

Whereas the education skills of parents and reading to children have a direct impact on the educational success of their children;

Whereas, parental involvement is a key predictor of a child's success, the level of parental involvement increases as the education level of the parent increases;

Whereas parents in family literacy programs become more involved in their children's education and gain the tools necessary to obtain a job or find better employment;

Whereas, as a result, children's lives become more stable, and success in the classroom, and in all future endeavors, becomes more likely;

Whereas studies show that two important factors that influence student achievement are the mother's education level and poverty in the home, it is clear that if adults are not part of the learning equation, then there is no long-term solution to our Nation's education challenges;

Whereas many older people in the United States lack the reading, math, or English skills to read a prescription and follow medical instructions, endangering their lives and the lives of their loved ones;

Whereas many individuals who are unemployed, underemployed, or receive public assistance lack the literacy skills to obtain and keep a job with a family-sustaining income, continue their education, or participate in job training programs;

Whereas many high school dropouts do not have the literacy skills to complete their education, transition to postsecondary education or vocational training, or become employed;

Whereas a large portion of those in prison have low educational skills, and prisoners without skills are more likely to return to prison once released;

Whereas many of our Nation's immigrants do not have the literacy skills to succeed in their new home country;

Whereas the National Assessment of Adult Literacy reports that 90,000,000 adults lack the literacy, numeracy, or English language skills to succeed at home, in the workplace, and in society;

Whereas National Adult Education and Family Literacy week highlights the need for our government to support efforts to ensure each and every citizen has the necessary literacy skills to succeed at home, at work, and in society; and

Whereas the week of October 18, 2009, would be an appropriate date to designate as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: Now, therefore, be it